

JOB ROLE

TRADE ASSISTANT

LEVEL OF GROWTH FOR JOB ROLE



- Projected change of +0.82%
- From 68,591 in 2025 to 69,155 in 2030

AVERAGE SALARY FOR OCCUPATION



Entry level
(1-3 years' experience)



Senior
(8+ years' experience)

WHAT DO EMPLOYERS WANT?



SPECIALISED SKILLS

- Power Tool Operation
- Forklift Truck License
- Working at Heights
- Mechanical Aptitude
- Manual Handling

EMPLOYABILITY SKILLS

- Communication
- Detail Oriented
- Strong Work Ethic
- Problem Solving
- Customer Service

EMPLOYMENT PROSPECTS



TOP SOUTH AUSTRALIAN INDUSTRIES WHO ADVERTISED FOR THIS JOB ROLE IN THE PREVIOUS 12 MONTHS:

- Accommodation & Food Services
- Mining
- Retail Trade
- Manufacturing
- Health Care & Social Assistance

TOP SOUTH AUSTRALIAN EMPLOYERS WHO ADVERTISED FOR THIS JOB ROLE IN THE PREVIOUS 12 MONTHS:

- CMV Group
- Discovery Holiday Parks
- Techforce Personnel
- State of South Australia
- Hickinbotham Distribution

LOOK FOR JOBS BEING ADVERTISED USING THESE JOB TITLES:

- Building Trade Assistants
- Mining Trade Assistants
- Trade Assistants



YOU MIGHT CONSIDER UNDERTAKING STUDY TO TRANSITION INTO THESE RELATED JOB ROLES:

- Electrician
- Carpenter
- Plumber



QUALIFICATION PATHWAYS

Looking to progress your career? TAFE SA can help you further your study with these courses (*fees may apply)

- Certificate II in Construction Pathways (GPC20220)
- Certificate II in Engineering Pathways (MEM20422)

Or undertake a range of short courses to supplement your existing knowledge or continue upskilling.

Further information available on the TAFE SA website.



NETWORKING WITH INDUSTRY

Networking with industry provides you with opportunities to gain employment, advance your career and stay current with industry changes. Conferences and workshops are an excellent way to introduce yourself to key industry contacts.

Consider these opportunities to find employment:

- Send your resume to relevant businesses in your local area
- Look for employment opportunities advertised on
 - the TAFE SA Jobs Board
 - online employment websites like Seek
 - the job board on your local Regional Development Australia (RDA) website



CAREER SUPPORT

Not sure where to start? TAFE SA's Student Services can provide you with a range of career planning support including:

- career planning
- write a winning resume
- how to respond to selection criteria
- cover letters that stand out
- preparing for job interviews

To find out more, or to book an appointment, visit TAFE SA's Career Support Page: Career Support (tafesa.edu.au)

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